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James 1:5-8

## SEEKING WISDOM THROUGH LIFE'S TRIALS

### I. Introduction: Ever Had A Bad Day?

**Illustration:** “ Alexander And The Terrible, Horrible, No Good Very Bad Day” by Judith Viorst

**A. Today's Message:** God did not intend for us to go through trials alone. (James 1:5-8)

“If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him, But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. [7] That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; [8] he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.” James 1:5-8

### II. Unpacking The Passage:

**A. The Problem:** \_\_\_\_\_

“He is a **double-minded** man is unstable in all he does.” James 1:8

Double Minded = \_\_\_\_\_

**B. The Prescription:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. Step One: Admit Our Need

“If any of you lack wisdom” Vs. 5a

2. Step Two: Ask God

“..... he should ask God” vs. 5b

3. Step Three: Ask God in Faith

[6] But when he asks, he must **believe** *and not doubt*, because *he who doubts* is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. James 1:6

C. **The Promise:** \_\_\_\_\_

If any man lacks wisdom he should ask God who gives generously to all without finding fault and it will be given to him. James 1:5

How God Gives:

- Continuously
- Generously
- Without finding fault

Questions To Ask When Making Decisions:

- Does This Decision Glorify God
- Will It Serve Others
- Will it help me mature like Christ

**III. Conclusion and Application**